ed. Proposals for new medical institutions are considered as and when they are received from Welfare Commissioners.

Peerless General Finance and Investment Company

2832. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number persons insured with the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company have stopped depositing their premiums; of so, the details for the last one year;

(b) what is the number of applications received for refund of the deposited money and the number of applications disposed of during the above period; and

(c) what is the procedure laid down under which the subscribers can get the refund of their money and the details of the rules and regulations in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and to the extent available and permissible under the statutes will be laid on the Table of the House.

Mushroom growth of HDPE Units

2833. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that due to mushroom growth of High Density Polypropylene Woven Sacks Units around 400 small scale units manufacturing laminated jute bags spread all over the country are in miserable condition;

(b) whether Government have received a memorandum from Jute Laminators Association in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner the Government propose to help the Jute Laminating industries in the country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) Small scale units manufacturing laminated jute bags are facing stiff competition from HDPE/PP woven sack manufacturing units. A representation has been received from Jute Laminators Association in which they have made a number of suggestions to protect their interests from synthetic substitutes. In order to protect their interests as well as the jute industry at large, Government have favoured mandatory usage of jute packaging material by different sectors of the industry. An Empowered Committee of Secretaries has been set up to work out the modalities.

Export of fabrics by Bombay Dyeing

2834. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that all export business pertaining to fabrics manufactured by Bombay Dyeing Company are routed through its affiliate companies, namely Nowrosni & Sons Private Limited and George Wills & Sons (India) Limited;

(b) if so, what is the gain of these associate companies by way of commission, profits, contribution to overheads and establishment charges;

(c) what are the names of the beneficiaries of these associate companies; and

(d) what are the major expenses of these associate companies during the last three years on perquisites of their directors and associates ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) It has been reported to Government that M/s Nowrosjee Wadia & Sons Private Limited and M/s George Wills & Sons (India) Limited are not the affiliate companies of M/s Bombay Dyeing Company.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above, the questions do not arise.

Norms for including an item in the list of canalised imports and exports

2835. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the norms for including an item in the list of canalised imports and exports; and

(b) what are the details of the essential commodities the imports of which are not canalised and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI) : (a) Canalisation is an instrument of Policy to regulate import and export of certain goods because of their sensitivity or on account of commercial advantage.

(b) Import of items, not specifically mentioned in the list of canalised items, is regulated in terms of relevant provisions of the Import and Export Policy, 1985-86, subject to prescribed conditions. The reasons for these items not having been canalised is the non-fulfilment of canalisation *criteria.*

Amount spent on publicity in foreign countries for the promotion of tourism in the country

2836. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount spent by Government in foreign countries for promoting tourism during the last three years, year-wise and upto 31st March, 1986;

(b) what are the different heads under which this expenditure was incurred and the amount spent under each head year-wise during the above period; and

(c) what are the achievements in the matter of tourism promotion as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) The amounts spent by Government in foreign countries for promotion of tourism during the last 3 years year-wise were as follows :—

	(Rs. in lakhs)
1983-84	211.56
1984-85	241.12
1985-86	458.41

Within the overall budget allocated, the overseas offices meet the expenditure for various promotional activities like Trade seminars, India Evenings, Travel Marts, Production of promotional material, and Product Advertising.

(c) As a result of the promotion activities undertaken by various overseas offices, India has been established as a premier holiday destination. This has been reflected in the steady increase in tourist arrivals over the last 5 years, the current year's arrival figures reflecting around 17.1% increase over the previous year's arrivals.

Benami bank accounts in Punjab National Bank, Dibrugarh, Assam

2837. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has received on the 11th August, 1986 detailed information in writing about (i) benami bank accounts of Punjab National Bank, Dibrugarh (Assam) involving transactions worth lakhs of rupees and (ii) an illegal current account opened at the United Industrial Bank Limited, Dibrugarh in collusion with both the Branch Manager and Accountant and subsequent withdrawal of several lakhs of rupees fraudulently from the said account; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what followup action has been taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegations are being looked into.

Illegal current account opened at Dibrugarh branch of the United Industrial Bank Ltd.

2838. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a case of criminal conspiracy in connection with an illegal current account opened at the Dibrugarh branch of the United Industrial Bank Ltd. in collusion with both the Branch Manager and Accountant and fraudulent withdrawal of several lakhs of rupees from the said account subsequently was registered at the Dibrugarh Police Station (Assam) on 21st November, 1985;